

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To:	Approved Trauma Facilities Participating Trauma Physicians Emergency Room Physicians Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Trauma Services Coordinators Physicians Physician Clinics Oral Surgeons Managed Care Plans	Memorandum No. 05-28 MAA Issued: May 6, 2005 For Information Call: 1-800-562-6188
From:	Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary Medical Assistance Administration	
Subject:	Supplemental Payments for Qualified Trauma Cases: Reduction in the Enhancement Percentage for Physician-Related Services	

Effective for dates of service on and after May 9, 2005, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will reduce the enhancement percentage applied to the supplemental payments for physician-related services provided to Medicaid clients in major trauma cases. The enhancement percentage will be reduced from 525% to 250%. This action is authorized in WAC 388-531-2000(7) (d). This change does not affect supplemental payments to approved trauma service centers.

MAA makes supplemental payments to providers for qualified trauma cases using the monies from the Trauma Care Fund (TCF). MAA monitors the payments from the TCF during each state fiscal year (SFY) and makes necessary adjustments to the rate to ensure that total payments from the TCF for the biennium will not exceed the legislative appropriation for that biennium.

MAA has determined that payments from the TCF for physician-related services will exceed the appropriation for this biennium unless the enhancement percentage is adjusted immediately. Therefore, MAA is taking this action to comply with **WAC 388-531-2000(7)(d)**, which states:

“The total amount of increased payments from the TCF disbursed to providers by MAA in a biennium cannot exceed the amount appropriated by the legislature for that biennium. MAA has the authority to take whatever actions are needed to ensure MAA stays within the current TCF appropriation.”

MAA's Provider Issuances

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